

Leg

Journal - Office of Legislative Counsel
Thursday - 10 June 1976

Page 2

6. (Unclassified - DFM) ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES
Delivered a letter to Tom Laughlin, on Senator Floyd Haskell's (D., Colo.) staff, and an identical letter to Ellen Miller, on the Senate Government Operations Committee staff, on an amendment to the FEA Extension Act, introduced by Senator Haskell.

7. (Unclassified - DFM) ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES
Dropped off a letter at the House International Relations Committee office for Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), Chairman of the Committee's Special Subcommittee on Investigations. STAT

8. (Unclassified - WPB) LEGISLATION Bob Carlstrom, OMB, called and dictated several changes to our views letter on S. 495, the Watergate Reorganization and Reform Act of 1975, and cleared our report as revised.

9. (Unclassified - WPB) LEGISLATION Called Ann. Stone, OMB, who I learned was handling the two deputies legislation, and told her that we were interested in expediting its coordination within the Executive branch so it can be submitted to the Congress as soon as possible. She said that she would find out more about what OMB intended to do with it in the Executive branch and get back to me tomorrow. I made it clear to her that this was very important legislation for the intelligence community and that it was legislation which further implemented the President's recent Executive Order 11905.

10. (Unclassified - CRH) ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERIES Sent a copy of a note on "Comparisons of Soviet and U. S. Defense Activity" from Noel E. Firth, Acting Director, Strategic Research, to Frank M. Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee.

11. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Called Brian Conboy, in the office of Senator Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.), concerning the case. He was understanding of our position and it was agreed that we would provide a suggested reply to STAT
STAT

CIA INTERNAL USE ONLY

Panel Would Limit Tax Bureau In Giving Data to U.S. Agencies

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 9—The power of Government agencies to collect personal information about individuals from Internal Revenue Service data should be restricted and defined by law, a Federal commission said in a report released today.

The panel the Privacy Protection Study Commission, urged that the use of tax information be restricted to the purpose for which it was given by the individual—the efficient collection of revenue by the Government.

Any other use of the data, the commission said, puts taxpayers at a disadvantage, because they are compelled, under "threat of serious punishment," to furnish personal information in their tax returns that may be used by the Government in cases having nothing to do with the income tax.

Calling the confidentiality of tax returns an "essential element in preserving the effectiveness of the tax system," the commission said that the widespread use of tax information "for purposes wholly unrelated

to tax administration cannot help but diminish the taxpayer's disposition to cooperate with the I.R.S. voluntarily."

The commission recommended that tax information be given only to those agencies authorized by law to receive it, and that they receive only such information as they need for their purposes.

Without such authorization, the commission said, no "individually identifiable data" should be released by the I.R.S. without the "prior written consent of the individual to whom it pertains."

The commission further recommended that recipients of tax information be prohibited by law from "redisclosing" it.

The report is a result of an eight-month study by the commission, which is charged by the Privacy Act of 1974 with reporting to the President and Congress on whether the I.R.S. should disclose personal information on taxpayers to other Government agencies.

*send
OGC
then
file
leg gen.*

Ly

Journal - Office of Legislative Counsel
Wednesday - 9 June 1976

Page 4

16. (Internal Use Only - WPB) LEGISLATION Talked to Francis Rosenberger, Chief Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee, concerning the Committee's timetable in considering S. 495. He told me that it was possible the Committee would not have time to consider it before its 11 June deadline, and urged me to provide him with Agency comments informally, because whatever consideration the Committee might give the bill would be at very short notice. Subsequently, I sent up informal comments and a proposed amendment to Rosenberger, J. C. Argetsinger, and Tom Hart, on the staff of the Committee. Bob Carlstrom, OMB said he would have no objection to such an informal approach.

✓ 17. (Unclassified - WPB) LEGISLATION Talked to George Gilbert, OMB, about the Administration's position on S. 1439, the Export Reorganization Act. I raised the Agency's concern over the protection of intelligence sources and methods in the various reports required under the proposed legislation. I also discussed this matter with George Murphy, Executive Director, Joint Atomic Energy Committee, and Bill Ashworth, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

✓ 18. (Unclassified - RLB) LEGISLATION Spoke with Ms. Ellen Miller, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, and Mr. Tom Laughlin, on the staff of Senator Floyd K. Haskell (D., Colo.), regarding an amendment by Senator Haskell to the Federal Energy Administration Extension Act, which would establish an Office of Energy Information and Analysis. Since Senator Haskell's amendment is essentially the same as an earlier bill introduced by Senator Gaylord A. Nelson (D., Wis.)--to which the CIA had submitted a views letter--I informed the staffers it would be appreciated if they would consider our position as outlined in that letter in order that our views be taken into account when Senator Haskell's amendment is debated on the floor when the FEA bill comes up.

19. (Unclassified - RJK) LIAISON Called Roy Werner, on the staff of Senator John Glenn (D., Ohio), in connection with his earlier request on certain expenditures of OPEC countries. I told him the paper we had worked up with what I thought were exactly the figures he wanted would be put in the mail for him today. He appreciated our response.

CIA INTERNAL USE ONLY